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City of Rochester Mask Order to Expire with New Executive Order from Governor Walz

July 22, 2020 – ROCHESTER, MINN. – As of July 25, 2020, per the [Governor's Executive Order 20-81](#), people in Minnesota are required to wear a face covering in all public indoor spaces and businesses, unless alone. The City of Rochester's face covering Order will expire at 11:59 p.m. on July 24, 2020 due to the new state Order.

Mayor Kim Norton shares, "I thank the Governor for his leadership in working to keep all Minnesotans safe and to help keep our businesses open. This is a critical time for our state and slowing the spread continues to be key in ensuring we can continue to work towards recovery. I also thank our community members and businesses for their help in supporting the mask Order that we have had in place since July 8, 2020. Together we can and will get through this challenging time."

The Governor announced that over 4 million masks would be shared via local chambers of commerce to provide to businesses to help support the Order. Local officials will be working with the state to ensure there is clarity and education on expectations and enforcement.

More information about the Governor's Executive Order can be found on the [Minnesota Department of Health](#) website, including a list of [frequently asked questions](#).

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